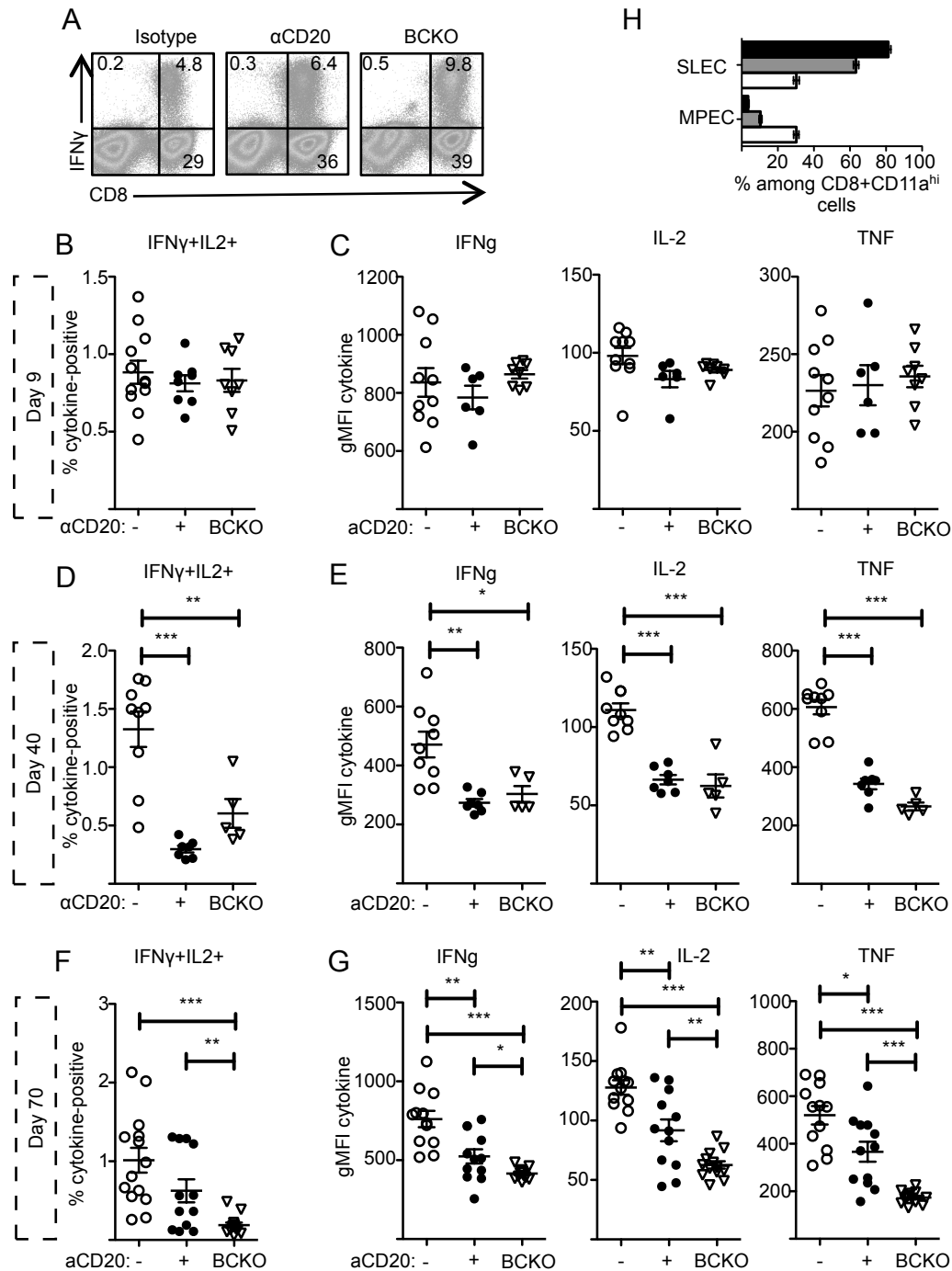


Supplemental Figure 1. Early B cell depletion reduces cytokine production by memory CD4⁺ T cells.

Additional analyses were performed using the same mice described in Figure 4 that were depleted of B cells before infection. SMARTA CD4⁺ T cell responses were evaluated by ICCS at day 9 or day 70 after infection. A group of μ MT^{-/-} (BCKO) mice are included for reference. **(A)** An illustration of the experimental plan. **(B)** SMARTA CD4⁺ T cell responses at day 9 post-infection. The graphs show the geometric fluorescence intensity of IFN (left) or IL-2 (right) staining by SMARTA CD4⁺ T cells. **(C)** SMARTA CD4⁺ T cell responses at day 70. The left graph shows the gMFI of IFN γ staining and the right graph shows the gMFI of IL-2 staining for the SMARTAs. Each symbol represents an individual mouse across 2 experiments. A two-tailed Student's t-test was used to evaluate significance with *P < 0.05; **P < 0.01; ***P < 0.001.



Supplemental Figure 2. B cell depletion before infection reduces cytokine production by CD8 T cells.

The CD8⁺ T cell response in the mice described in Figure 4 were further characterized. B6 mice were treated with mouse anti-CD20 mAbs to deplete B cells or isotype control antibody at day-14 & day-7 before infection. The antibody-treated mice or MT^{-/-} mice were engrafted with 2x10⁴ SMARTA/Thy1.1⁺ CD4⁺ T cells at day -3 and then given LCMV-Armstrong. Spleen cells were analyzed for CD8⁺ T cell cytokine production at the indicated times after infection: day 9 (**A-C**), day 40 (**D-E**), and day 70 (**F-G**). (**A**) The dot plots are gated on all splenocytes and show CD8⁺ T cell expression of IFN in response to GP₃₃ peptide stimulation. (**B, D, F**) The percentage of CD8⁺ T cells that co-express IFN with IL-2 in mice given anti-CD20 (+) or isotype antibody (-) or in MT^{-/-} mice (BCKO). (**C, E, G**) The geometric fluorescence intensity staining of GP₃₃-responsive CD8⁺ T cells based on the ICCS assay. The left graphs show gMFI for IFN; the middle graphs show gMFI for IL-2 expression; the right graphs show gMFI of TNF expression. Each symbol represents an individual mouse, compiled from 2-3 experiments. A two-tailed Student's t-test was used to evaluate significance with *P < 0.05; **P < 0.01; ***P < 0.001.